

City of Concord Weekly City Manager Newsletter

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BLACK ICE POND HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The 4th Annual Black Ice Pond Hockey Tournament begins today and will run through this weekend at White Park. Over 80 teams are participating on eight rinks on the pond. There will be concessions at the park throughout the tournament and fireworks tonight at 7:00 PM. This is a tremendous opportunity for the Concord community to showcase its rich hockey history. There is no charge to come and watch this exciting event. For more information and a complete schedule, visit www.blackicepondhockey.com.



WINTER ACTIVITIES AT BEAVER MEADOW

The cross country ski trails, snowshoe trail, and ice skating pond at Beaver Meadow Golf Course will be open all weekend. There are over two miles of ski trails to use. Trails and the ice skating area are free to use by all.

In other news, the course is having a 72-hour membership drive from today through Sunday. Visit www.beavermeadowgolfcourse.com for more info.

WATER MAIN LEAKS

The General Services Department's Water Crew had their hands full this past week dealing with three water main leaks in the city. On Saturday night, during the snow event, a water leak near 53 Downing Street, on a pipe installed in 1903, had to be repaired. Crews plowing the streets had to be pulled off that assignment to dig up and repair a 6" water leak. Approximately 25 customers were without water for approximately two hours.

On Tuesday, a leak was reported on South State Street at Fayette Street. Crews had to repair a water service valve that was tapped at the water main that had broken. This valve was installed in 1964. Approximately 17 customers were affected for approximately one hour while the repair was done.



Also on Tuesday, while crews were repairing the South State Street leak, another leak was discovered on North State Street at Call Street on a 24" transmission main which was installed in 1941. Crews were able to turn the water off by the end of the day Tuesday and not affect any customers because there are three water mains that go by this area. The leak was dug and repaired by late afternoon on Wednesday, and crews paved the trench on Thursday. The cold weather posed challenges for the crew, as digging through the frost and working on the pipes with the subfreezing temperatures made them difficult to repair.

PLANNING OFFICE CLOSURES

Changes are underway in the Community Development Department. The Planning Division (currently located on the 2nd Floor of City Hall) will be co-locating with the Engineering Division on the 3rd Floor of City Hall, which will allow for unified customer service. In preparation for that move, the Planning Office will be closing at noon on Wednesday, January 29th and at noon on Friday, January 31st, to afford staff the opportunity to sort and move files. It is anticipated that the Planning staff will be in their new accommodations by mid to late February.

S. COMMERCIAL STREET DIRT PILES

Next week, the City-owned dirt piles located on South Commercial Street, near the Friendly Kitchen, will be relocated to the Allied Leather Tannery site to back fill excavations associated with cleanup activities. The piles contain approximately 4,500 tons of soil valued at approximately \$40,000. This material was generated by the construction of the Capital Commons project during 2003-2005, and was retained by the City for future use at no cost. Relocation efforts will take approximately one week to complete. Following removal of the dirt piles, the City will loam and seed the property in the spring and the lot will be mowed regularly once turf is established.